

map Reading Fluency

MAP Reading Fluency from NWEA Wins 2018 SIIA CODiE Award for Best Student Assessment Solution

New time-saving, group-administered K-3 oral reading fluency and comprehension assessment earns prestigious industry recognition

Portland, Ore. – (June 14, 2018) – NWEA, the leading not-for profit provider of assessment solutions, today announced that its newest assessment [MAP Reading Fluency](#) won the [2018 SIIA CODiE Award for Best Student Assessment Solution](#). CODiE award recipients are the companies producing the most innovative business and education technology products across the country, and around the world.

MAP Reading Fluency is the first computer adaptive, automatically scored K-3 oral reading assessment; it eliminates the need for one-on-one, teacher-student administration. The groundbreaking 20-minute assessment of oral reading fluency, comprehension, and foundational reading skills is delivered online, enabling group administration and saving teachers hours of time. Teachers receive immediate objective results, actionable data, and instructional guidance to support individualized reading development for every student. Student reading is recorded and can be shared with parents and used to track reading skill development.

In reviewing MAP Reading Fluency, judges noted the assessment is “a tremendous time saver for elementary school teachers,” and strengths cited include “adaptation to the student,” “recordability for use in parent teacher conferences,” and “plenty of stats for setting benchmarks.”

“This recognition validates the enthusiastic response we’ve been getting from teachers and reading experts for MAP Reading Fluency,” said Chris Minnich, CEO, NWEA. “The assessment is a real marriage of technology – both adaptive and speech scoring – with time tested pedagogical knowledge about reading ability – it is based on multiple measures of fluency, comprehension, and foundational skills. We designed MAP Reading Fluency to address teachers’ biggest needs and concerns with oral reading fluency assessment, and we are proud to be recognized by the CODiE judges for making advancements in this area.”

MAP Reading Fluency was developed in [partnership](#) with [LanguaMetrics, Inc.](#), the leader in speech-enabled education applications. LanguaMetrics’ Speech Platform uses patented speech recognition and scoring technology EduSpeak®, licensed from [SRI International](#). EduSpeak is one of the first speech engines that is tailored to children ages 4-8 and that addresses beginner reader behaviors including word and line skips, substitutions, and long pauses.

[MAP Reading Fluency](#), along with [MAP Growth](#) and [MAP Skills](#), comprise the [MAP Suite](#) from NWEA, a comprehensive assessment system with multiple ways to utilize assessment to improve instruction.

“I am impressed by the level of innovation and creativity demonstrated by the 2018 CODiE award winners. These products are opening doors for learners of all ages by developing and utilizing new technologies to respond to student and educator needs.” said Ken Wasch, president of SIIA.

The winner announcement was made by the Software & Information Industry Association (SIIA), the principal trade association for the software and digital content industries, during the [SIIA Annual Conference & CODiE Awards](#) in San Francisco. 40 awards were given for products and services deployed specifically for education and learning professionals.

An SIIA CODiE Award win is a prestigious honor as each award winner was first reviewed by expert judges including educators and administrators, whose evaluations determined the finalists. SIIA members then vote on the finalist products, and the scores from both rounds are tabulated to select the winners.

About the SIIA CODiE™ Awards

The SIIA CODiE Awards is the only peer-reviewed program to showcase business and education technology’s achieving excellence. Since 1986, thousands of products, services and solutions have been recognized for achieving excellence. For more information, visit siiA.net/CODiE.

About NWEA

NWEA® is a mission-driven, not-for-profit organization that supports students and educators worldwide by creating assessment solutions that precisely measure growth and proficiency—and provide insights to help tailor instruction. Educators in more than 9,500 schools, districts, and education agencies in 145 countries rely on our flagship interim assessment, MAP® Growth™; our progress monitoring and skills mastery tool, MAP® Skills™; and our reading fluency and comprehension assessment, MAP® Reading Fluency™. Visit NWEA.org to find out how NWEA can partner with you to help all kids learn.

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